

Treaty on the international recognition of the deposit of microorganisms for purposes of patent procedure. It is submitted that these deposit certificates are sufficient to comply with the rules and complete the enablement requirements of 35 USC112 for claim 54.

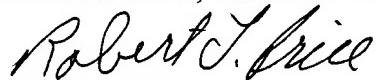
With submission of these deposit certificates and appropriate amendment of the specification, it is submitted that this claims are clearly sufficient to comply with 35 USC 112. As noted, by this Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to insert reference to the designated accession number to complete the specification requirement by amending the specification at page 51, line 20, to indicate that WR 19L has been assigned accession number FERM BP-6909.

With these amendments and evidence, it is submitted that claim 54 and all other claims of the application are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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